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Mr. James B. Rhoads
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Dear Mr. Rhoads:

Recently your office advised that some additional documents had been discovered in the Warren Commission collection which had originated in the Department of Defense. A representative of this office reviewed the Warren Commission documents which your staff made available and identified 20 different Department of Defense documents, some of them in multiple copies.

Enclosed is a listing of the Department of Defense documents discovered in the identified Warren Commission document folders. Availability for release and any applicable special notations are shown.

It was noted during this review that the Warren Commission folders which were made available contained documents which had originated in the Department of Defense but which had been sent to the Commission by the Department of State. Because of the multiplicity of copies, and also because each of the identified documents either has been published or is available in other Warren Commission records supplied by the Department of Defense directly, it is suggested that all copies of Department of Defense originated documents be deleted from the Commission folders containing documents supplied by the Department of State. This action would have the virtue of reducing quantity and would make unnecessary the sanitization of certain of the records before permitting public scrutiny. Your office was supplied with a copy of a report prepared by our reviewer dated July 20, 1965, in which the locations of multiple copies of the Department of Defense documents are stated.

In summary, all but one of the Department of Defense documents identified during this review may be included in the open records of the Warren Commission, although several require some deletions. The exception is the Edgewood Arsenal Technical Report CRDLR 3264, March 1965, which must remain Confidential. If a future request is received for permission to review or to publish certain information contained in that report, the inquirer should be directed to the Chemical Research and Development Laboratories, Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland.

We appreciate your cooperation in advising us of the presence of the additional Department of Defense documents located in the Warren Commission collection. If additional Department of Defense documents are discovered, we would appreciate being advised.

Sincerely,

George MacClain
Director
Classification Management

Enclosure
Listing of DoD-originated documents located in the Warren Commission collection

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OASD (M)SP DCM 3C285 73969

cc: Maj Duncan Chaplin, OP 921K

Coordinated with W. D. Lawrence, Acg Dir, DSR, OASD(PA) 9/14/65

September 9, 1965

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W C Folder 294 b and c (listed in order of appearance)

1. Naval Message #22257, November 4, 1959, from CNO to ALUSNA, Moscow.
   Originally classified Confidential but declassified and authorized for public release by the Under Secretary of Navy in a memorandum to Mr. J. Lee Rankin, General Counsel to the Warren Commission, dated August 31, 1964.
   NOTE: The Under Secretary requested physical removal of all "date-time group" designations and references.

2. Naval Message dated March 3, 1962 (unnumbered but identifiable by number "1309" following the date), from ONI to ALUSNA, Moscow.
   (Annotations same as for #22257 above)

3. Naval Message #2090, November 3, 1959, from ALUSNA, Moscow, to CNO.
   (Annotations same as for #22257 above)
   Published as CE 917, Vol. XVIII, with [illegible] removed.
   Removal of [illegible] required from all copies.

4. DD Form 293, "Application for Review of Discharge or Separation from the Armed Forces of the United States," by Oswald, dated June 18, 1962.
   Published as part of CE 780, Vol. XVII and as CE 2661, Vol. XXVI.

5. OSI Investigation Report Case #33-476, dated January 27, 1960 on John Edward PIC. Reviewed and authorized for public release by Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower), March 24, 1965 letter to the Attorney General, provided the purpose of the investigation is excised or obliterated.

6. Memorandum to the Commandant, Marine Corps, from the President, Navy Discharge Review Board, dated July 25, 1963, with copy of Board's docket #8812 enclosed.
   Memo and docket published as part of CE 780, Vol. XVII, and docket as CE 2661, Vol. XXIV.

7. Letter to Oswald from the President, Navy Discharge Review Board, dated July 25, 1963.
Published as part of CE 780, Vol XVII and as CE 1092, Vol. XXII.

8. Letter to Oswald from John Connally, dated February 23, 1962.
Published as CE 2663, Vol. XXVI.

9. Letter to Secretary of the Navy from Oswald, dated January 30, 1961 (should have been 1962). Office of Naval Intelligence (OP 921K) in memorandum dated August 25, 1965 stated no objection to public release.

10. Letter to Brig. Gen. R. McC. Thompkins from Oswald, dated March 22, 1962. Approved for public release by the Under Secretary of Navy in letter of August 31, 1964 to Mr. J. Lee Rankin, General Counsel of the Warren Commission.

11. Letter to Oswald from Paul W. Seabaugh, Hq USMC (date not known).
Published as CE 2658, Vol. XXVI.

W C Folder 294K (listed in order of appearance)

12. Memorandum to Boswell, Director, Office of Security, State Department, from Hardenburg, ONI, dated April 26, 1962.
(Annotation same as for document 10 above)

13. Memorandum to Boswell, Director, Office of Security, State Department, from Abbott, ONI, Ser 8083P92, dated March 23, 1962.
Published as part of CE 2686, Vol. XXVI.

14. Memorandum to ONI OP-921E from OSI (AFISI-6B4), file 33-26125, dated March 16, 1962.
Published as part of CE 2686, Vol. XXVI.

15. Memorandum to Boswell, Director of Security, State Department, from Abbott, ONI, Ser 05464P92, dated March 19, 1962.
Declassified and published as part of CE 2686, Vol. XXVI.

16. Letter to Oswald from Brig. Gen. R. McC. Thompkins, USMC, dated March 7, 1962.
Published as part of CE 2686, Vol. XXVI.

W C Folder 371

17. Copy of handwritten autopsy report on President Kennedy by Cdr. Humes.
Published as CE 397, Vol. XVII.

W C Folder 377

18. Reproduction of Oswald's U.S. Marine Corps Score Book.
Published as CE 239, Vol. XVI.

W C Folder 714

19. 48 glossy prints (photographs) by Aberdeen Weapon Laboratories, D/A, 6 plates each of 6644-31 H, 6644-31 V, 6644-49 H, 6644-49 V, 6645-31 H, 6645-31 V, 6645-49 H, 6645-49 V.
No objection to public release, 1st Ind. to DASD (SP) from Army Materiel Command, D/A, dated August 23, 1965.

Separate record, not identified with a W C folder

20. Confidential U.S. Army Edgewood Arsenal, Chemical Research and Development Laboratories, Technical Report CRDLR 3264, March 1965, by Alfred Oliver and Arthur J. Dziemian, "Wound Ballistics of 6.5-mm. Mannlicher-Carcano Ammunition (U)."
Must remain Confidential. Certain parts are unclassified or FOUO.